PM"s new package for Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir

877.SHRIW. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of financial assistance package programmes to the Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether it is a fact that a new PM's package programme has been announced for Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) if so, by when the package programme would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATIVASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Punjab has obtained debt relief and Jammu and Kashmir is getting Special Plan Assistance and other financial assistance from Centre. There is no new package programme announced for Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) Does not arise.

Introduction of monitoring system for central projects

878.SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that takingcognizance of the fact that a number of Center and State sponsored schemes were not implemented in time or allocated funds diverted for other purposes, the Planning Commission has introduced a system to monitor and measure the quarterly performance of projects;

(b) whether it was found that the Government was unable to monitor and control schemes to ensure their timely implementation; and

(c) if so, what are the details of this system and the accountability for its success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Yes Sir, A system of Quarterly Performance Review (QPR) meetings has been introduced in the Planning Commission with a view to ensuring timely and effective implementation of approved projects/programmes/schemes (Central Sector, Centrally Sponsored

and State Sector), as well as efficient utilization of outlays/resources. In these meetings, physical and financial progress of individual schemes/projects/programmes would be reviewed.

Per Capita Income

879. SHRIPARMESHWAR KUMARAGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita income of the country at present *vis a* vis each of the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken/proposed by Government to increase the per capita income;

(c) the efforts made and incentives given to the States to increase their per capita income; and

(d) the per capita income likely to be achieved during the current financial year and for the next financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATIVASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Per capita income of States is measured by the Per capita Net State Domestic Product (NSDP). The State-wise per capita income at constant (1993-94 prices) since the year 1996-97 as per the latest available estimates are given in the enclosed Statement. (See below)

(b) and (c)Two pronged strategies of (i) achieving a higher growth rate of Gross Domestic Product and (ii) containment of population growth rate will ensure increase in the per capita income. Some of the measures to achieve these are outlined in the Ninth Plan Document and Approach Paper to the Tenth five Year Plan.

(d) Neither the Central Government nor the State Governments fix the per capita income target annually.